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KING HENRY V,

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Who hath been still a giddy neighbour⁴
to us;
For you shall read, that my great
grandfather
Never went with his forces into France⁵,
But that the Scot on his unfurnish'd
kingdom
Came pouring, like the tide into a
breach,
With ample and brim fulness of his force;
Galling the gleaned land with hot
essays;
Girding with grievous siege, castles and
towns;
That England, being empty of defence,
Hath shook, and trembled at the bruit
thereof*.
CANT. She hath been then more
fear'd than
harm'd, my liege:

* Folio, at the ill
neighbourhood*

Main intention I believe signifies
exertion in a body. The
king opposes it to the less consequential
inroads of detached
parties. STEEVENS
4 — giddy neighbour —] That is,
inconstant, changeable.

5 Never went with his forces into
France. The quartos, 1600
and 1608 read.
* — never my great grandfather
** Unmask'd his power for France —"
What an opinion the Scots entertained of
the defenceless state
of England may be known by the
following passage from The
Battle of Flodden, an ancient historical
poem.

" For England's king you understand,
" To France is past with all his
peers.
" There is none at home left in the
land
" But iowt-head monks, and
hurster freers,
" Of ragged rustics without rules,
" Of priests prating for pudding
shives.
" Of milners madder than their
mules
" Of wanton clerks, waking their
wives
Thus also in Wyntown's Cronykil, b. viiL
ch. xI v 96.
** Thai sayd, that thai mycht ryght
welfare
* * Til I wndyn for in Ingland than
** Of gret mycht was left n& man
" For thai sayd all war in Frawns,
" Bot sowteris, skynneris,
ormarchauns *1 STEEVENS
6 — fear'd —] i. e. frightened,

MALONE
So, in Measure for Measure.
"Setting it up *to* tear the birds of
prey." STEEVENS.
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